

JOHN I. LOSE.

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Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8050.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8050) granting an increase of pension to John I. Lose, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

This soldier, now 60 years of age, served as a private in Company M, First Pennsylvania Cavalry, from February 9, 1864, to August 7, 1865, when he was discharged as of Company I, Second Pennsylvania Provisional Cavalry, to which transferred.

He is now pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month for total disability, the result of rheumatism and disease of eyes.

A claim filed under the general law in September, 1879, and based upon injury to the right arm by being thrown from his horse on February 6, 1865, was rejected in 1888, upon the ground of the claimant's failure, after a reasonable time and due notification, to furnish the necessary evidence to establish the claim.

When last examined, on September 16, 1891, the board of surgeons found almost complete ankylosis of the right wrist, with power very much impaired; almost complete ankylosis of the left elbow joint, the arm being semiflexed 30°; partial ankylosis of the left ankle joint; chronic granular ophthalmia, with photophobia; and the board then further stated that he was weak, emaciated, and poorly nourished.

Medical testimony filed with your committee shows that the beneficiary has not been able to dress or wait on himself in any way during the last ten months and can scarcely feed himself on account of the condition of the joints of his arms and hands, which have become ankylosed; that he has not been able to stand on his feet, nor can he hold body in an erect posture on account of contraction of tendons; that he is entirely helpless, and also suffers from chronic granular conjunctivitis and rheumatism.

The statement of Mr. McGuire, the member who introduced the bill, sets forth that the beneficiary is penniless and that there is no more deserving case within his knowledge.

Following precedents, an increase of the soldiers's pension to \$30 per month is eminently proper, it being shown that he is helpless and penniless.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended.